IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended) A̶n̶ server i̶m̶a̶g̶e̶ ̶p̶r̶o̶c̶e̶s̶s̶i̶n̶g̶ ̶a̶p̶p̶a̶r̶a̶t̶u̶s̶,̶ connected to a client via a network for editing image data based on image editing commands from the client, the server comprising:

a storing unit to store image files;

a first image editing unit to edit a low resolution part of an image file stored in the storing unit in response to a̶n̶ image editing command from the client a̶n̶o̶t̶h̶e̶r̶ ̶i̶m̶a̶g̶e̶ ̶p̶r̶o̶c̶e̶s̶s̶i̶n̶g̶ a̶p̶p̶a̶r̶a̶t̶u̶s̶ ̶c̶o̶m̶m̶a̶n̶d̶i̶n̶g̶ ̶t̶o̶ ̶c̶o̶n̶d̶u̶c̶t̶ ̶a̶n̶ ̶i̶m̶a̶g̶e̶ ̶e̶d̶i̶t̶i̶n̶g̶ ̶p̶r̶o̶c̶e̶s̶s̶;

an informing unit to inform the client o̶t̶h̶e̶r̶ ̶i̶m̶a̶g̶e̶ ̶p̶r̶o̶c̶e̶s̶s̶i̶n̶g̶ ̶a̶p̶p̶a̶r̶a̶t̶u̶s̶ that the image editing process has been completed by the first image editing unit;

a job supplying unit to s̶u̶p̶p̶l̶y̶ form a job commanding a high resolution part of the image file stored in the storing unit to be edited; and

a second image editing unit to a̶s̶y̶n̶c̶h̶r̶o̶n̶o̶u̶s̶l̶y̶ edit the high resolution part of the image file stored in the storing unit a̶t̶ ̶a̶ ̶p̶r̶e̶s̶c̶r̶i̶b̶e̶d̶ ̶t̶i̶m̶e̶ in response to the job s̶u̶p̶p̶l̶i̶e̶d̶ ̶f̶r̶o̶m̶ formed by the job supplying unit.

2.   (Cancelled) The image processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the image processing apparatus and the other image processing apparatus are connected via a network.

3.   (Currently Amended) The ~~server~~ ~~image processing apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein when the client ~~other image forming apparatus~~ commands the image file to be displayed, encoded data of the edited low resolution part of the image file is transmitted to the client ~~other image processing apparatus~~.

4.   (Currently Amended) The server ~~image processing apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein when the client ~~other image processing apparatus~~ commands a portion of the high resolution part of the image file to be displayed in a case where the second image editing unit has not completed editing the high resolution part of the image file, the portion of the high resolution part of the image file is edited, and the edited portion of the high resolution part of the image file is encoded and transmitted to the client ~~other image processing apparatus~~.

5.   (Currently Amended) The server ~~image processing apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 4, wherein the client ~~other image processing apparatus~~ is informed that the portion of the high resolution part of the image file cannot be displayed when the image editing process that is being conducted is an image editing process that cannot be conducted on a portion by portion basis.

6.   (Currently Amended) The server ~~image processing apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein when the client ~~other image processing apparatus~~ commands a printing process to be conducted for the image file including the high resolution part of the image file, in a case where the second image editing unit has not completed editing the high resolution part of the image file, the client ~~other image processing apparatus~~ is informed that the printing process cannot be conducted.

7.   (Currently Amended) An image editing method used with a̶n̶ server i̶m̶a̶g̶e̶ p̶r̶o̶c̶e̶s̶s̶i̶n̶g̶ ̶a̶p̶p̶a̶r̶a̶t̶u̶s̶ connected to a client via a network for editing image data based on image editing commands from the client, the image editing method comprising:

storing an image file;

a̶)̶ editing a low resolution part of a̶n̶ the stored image file in response to an image editing command from the client a̶n̶o̶t̶h̶e̶r̶ ̶i̶m̶a̶g̶e̶ ̶p̶r̶o̶c̶e̶s̶s̶i̶n̶g̶ ̶a̶p̶p̶a̶r̶a̶t̶u̶s̶ ̶c̶o̶m̶m̶a̶n̶d̶i̶n̶g̶ ̶t̶o̶ ̶c̶o̶n̶d̶u̶c̶t̶ ̶a̶n̶ ̶i̶m̶a̶g̶e̶ e̶d̶i̶t̶i̶n̶g̶ ̶p̶r̶o̶c̶e̶s̶s̶;

b̶)̶ informing the o̶t̶h̶e̶r̶ ̶i̶m̶a̶g̶e̶ ̶p̶r̶o̶c̶e̶s̶s̶i̶n̶g̶ ̶a̶p̶p̶a̶r̶a̶t̶u̶s̶ client that the image editing process has been completed;

c̶)̶ ̶s̶u̶p̶p̶l̶y̶i̶n̶g̶ forming a job commanding a high resolution part of the image to be edited; and

d̶)̶ editing the high resolution part of the image a̶s̶y̶n̶c̶h̶r̶o̶n̶o̶u̶s̶l̶y̶ ̶a̶t̶ ̶a̶ ̶p̶r̶e̶s̶c̶r̶i̶b̶e̶d̶ ̶t̶i̶m̶e̶ in response to the job.

8.   (Cancelled) The image processing apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the image processing apparatus and the other image processing apparatus are connected via a network.

9.   (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture having one or more recordable media storing instructions thereon which, when executed by a computer having a̶n̶ ̶i̶m̶a̶g̶e̶ p̶r̶o̶c̶e̶s̶s̶i̶n̶g̶ ̶a̶p̶p̶a̶r̶a̶t̶u̶s̶ server, where the i̶m̶a̶g̶e̶ ̶p̶r̶o̶c̶e̶s̶s̶i̶n̶g̶ ̶a̶p̶p̶a̶r̶a̶t̶u̶s̶ server is in communication with a̶n̶o̶t̶h̶e̶r̶ ̶i̶m̶a̶g̶e̶ ̶p̶r̶o̶c̶e̶s̶s̶i̶n̶g̶ ̶a̶p̶p̶a̶r̶a̶t̶u̶s̶ a client via a network, cause the computer to:

store an image file;

edit a low resolution part of ~~an~~ the stored image file in response to a~~n~~ image editing

command from the client ~~other image processing apparatus commanding to conduct an image~~

~~editing process~~;

inform the client ~~other image processing apparatus~~ that the image editing process has

been completed by the first image editing function;

~~supply~~ form a job commanding a high resolution part of the image file to be edited; and

~~asynchronously~~ edit the high resolution part of the image file ~~at a prescribed time~~ in

response to the job supplied from the job supplying function.

10.   (Cancelled) The article of manufacture as claimed in claim 9, wherein the image

processing apparatus and the other image processing apparatus are connected via a network.

11.   (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture as claimed in claim 9, wherein

when the client ~~other image forming apparatus~~ commands the image file to be displayed,

encoded data of the edited low resolution part of the image file is transmitted to the client ~~other~~

~~image processing apparatus~~.

12.   (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture as claimed in claim 9, wherein

when the client ~~other image processing apparatus~~ commands a portion of the high resolution part

of the image file to be displayed in a case where the second image editing function has not

completed editing the high resolution part of the image file, the portion of the high resolution

part of the image file is edited, and the edited portion of the high resolution part of the image file

is encoded and transmitted to the client ~~other image processing apparatus~~.

13. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture as claimed in claim 12, wherein the <u>file</u> ~~other image processing apparatus~~ is informed that the portion of the high resolution part of the image <u>file</u> cannot be displayed when the image editing process that is being conducted is an image editing process that cannot be conducted on a portion by portion basis.

14. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture as claimed in claim 9, wherein when the <u>client</u> ~~other image processing apparatus~~ commands a printing process to be conducted for the image <u>file</u> including the high resolution part of the image <u>file</u>, in a case where the second image editing function has not completed editing the high resolution part of the image, the <u>client</u> ~~other image processing apparatus~~ is informed that the printing process cannot be conducted.